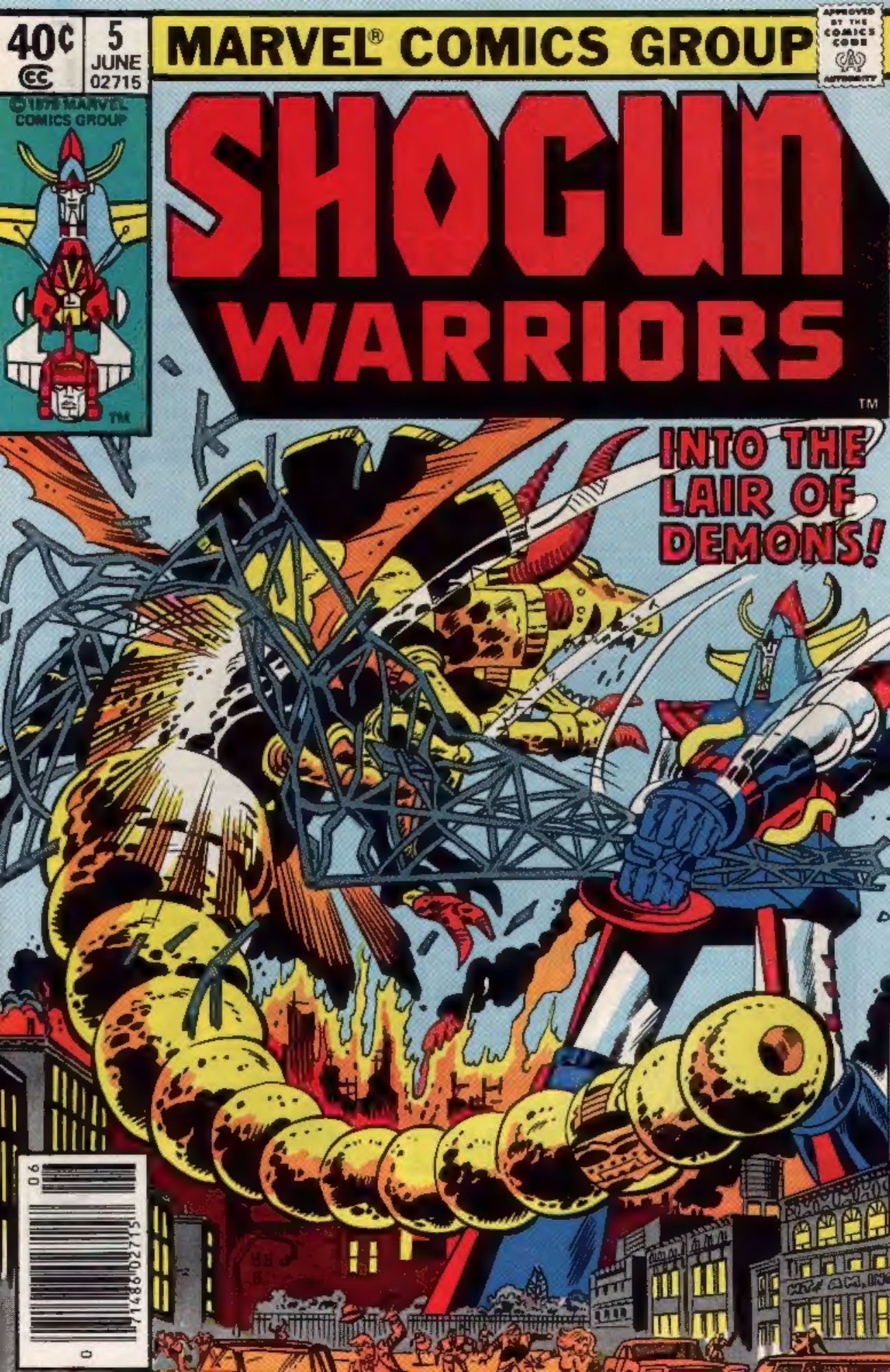
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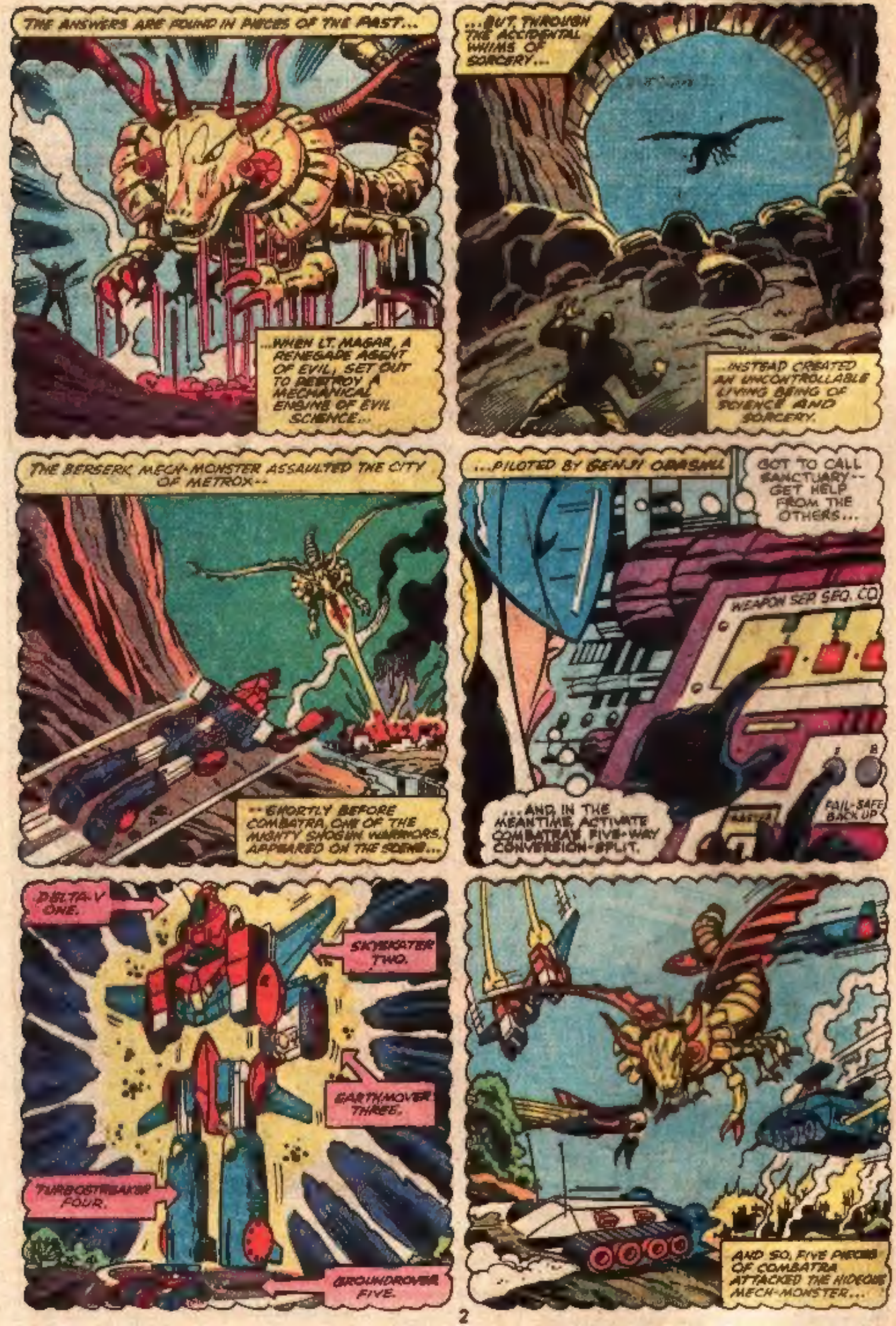
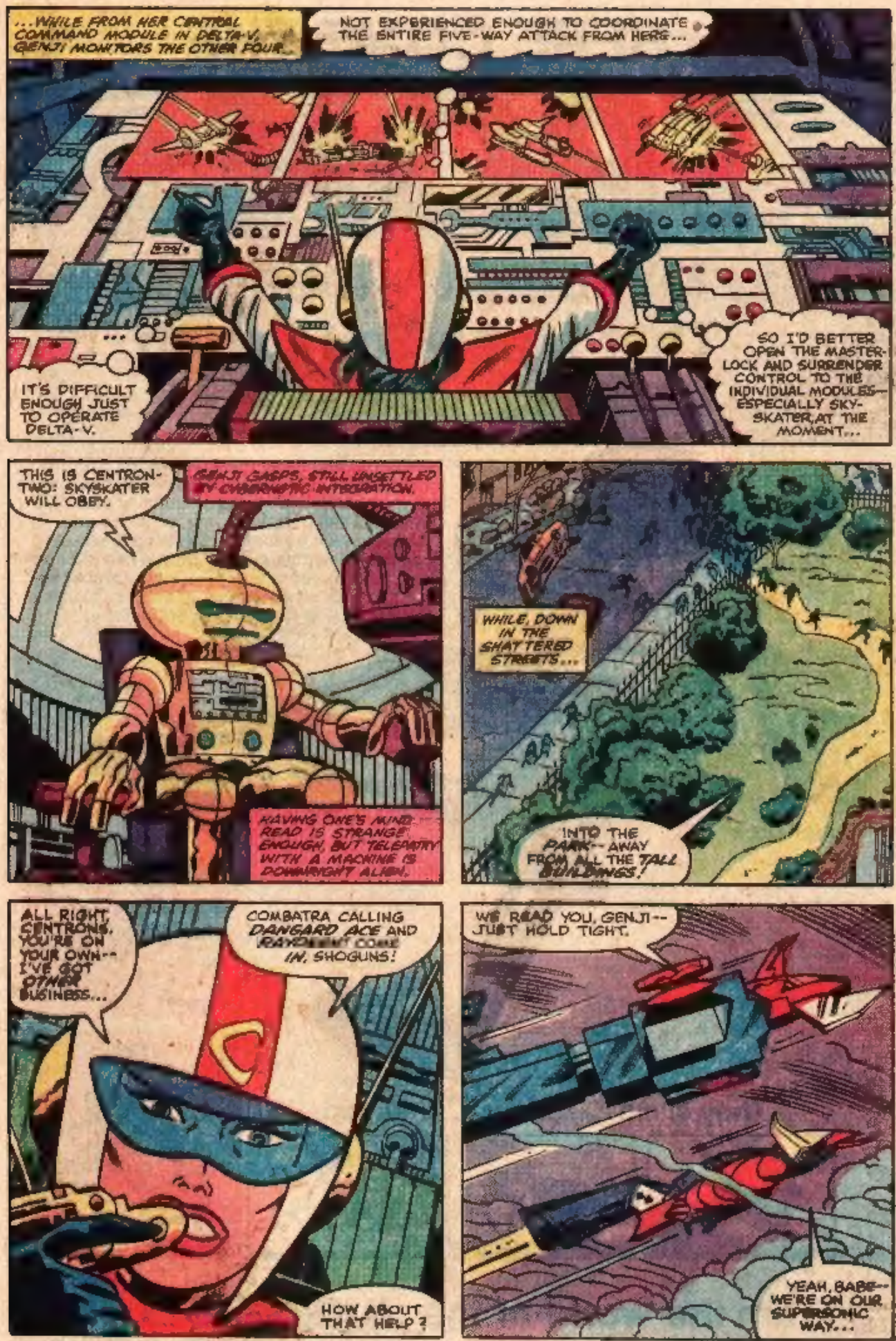

THE ANSWERS ARE FOUND IN PIECES OF THE PAST...
...WHEN LT. MAGAR, A RENEGADE AGENT OF EVIL, SET OUT TO DESTROY A MECHANICAL ENGINE OF EVIL SCIENCE...
...BUT, THROUGH THE ACCIDENTAL WHIMS OF SORCERY...
...INSTEAD CREATED AN UNCONTROLLABLE LIVING BEING OF SCIENCE AND SORCERY.
THE BERSERK MECH-MONSTER ASSAULTED THE CITY OF METROX--
...SHORTLY BEFORE COMBATRA, ONE OF THE MIGHTY SHOGUN WARRIORS, APPEARED ON THE SCENE...
...PILOTED BY GENJI OBASHI.
GOT TO CALL SANCTUARY--GET HELP FROM THE OTHERS...
WEAPON SEP SEQ. CO.
FAIL-SAFE BACK UP
...AND IN THE MEANTIME, ACTIVATE COMBATRA'S FIVE-WAY CONVERSION-SPLIT.
DELTA-V ONE.
SKYSCRAPER TWO.
EARTHMOVER THREE.
TURBOSTREAKER FOUR.
GROUNDROVER FIVE.
AND SO, FIVE PIECES OF COMBATRA ATTACKED THE HIDEOUS MECH-MONSTER...


...WHILE FROM HER CENTRAL COMMAND MODULE IN DELTA-V, GENJI MONITORS THE OTHER FOUR...
NOT EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO COORDINATE THE ENTIRE FIVE-WAY ATTACK FROM HERE...
IT'S DIFFICULT ENOUGH JUST TO OPERATE DELTA-V.
SO I'D BETTER OPEN THE MASTER-LOCK AND SURRENDER CONTROL TO THE INDIVIDUAL MODULES--ESPECIALLY SKY-SKATER, AT THE MOMENT...
THIS IS CENTRON-TWO: SKYSKATER WILL OBEY.
GENJI GASPS, STILL UNSETTLED BY CYBERNETIC INTEGRATION.
HAVING ONE'S MIND READ IS STRANGE ENOUGH, BUT TELEPATHY WITH A MACHINE IS DOWNRIGHT ALIEN.
WHILE, DOWN IN THE SHATTERED STREETS...
INTO THE PARK--AWAY FROM ALL THE TALL BUILDINGS!
ALL RIGHT, CENTRONS, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN--I'VE GOT OTHER BUSINESS...
COMBATRA CALLING DANGARD ACE AND RAYDENT COME IN, SHOGUNS!
HOW ABOUT THAT HELP?
WE READ YOU, GENJI--JUST HOLD TIGHT.
YEAH, BABE--WE'RE ON OUR SUPERSONIC WAY...

...AND WE OUGHTTA BE THERE IN A FLASH.
GOOD, CARSON, BUT LISTEN -- I'M RATHER BUSY RIGHT NOW...
...SO COULD ONE OF YOU CHECK WITH DR. TAMBURA AND THE FOLLOWERS FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MONSTER, OR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO COMBAT IT?
RIGHT, GENJI-- I'LL CHECK.
DANGARD ACE CALLING SHOGUN SANCTUARY. REQUEST READ-OUT ON...
YES, ILONGO SAVAGE, WE RECEIVE YOU -- AND WE ALREADY CHART A SATELLITE FIX ON THE CREATURE... BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE COMPUTER ANALYSIS IS INCONCLUSIVE.
IN FACT, IT IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED, AND EVEN CONTRADICTORY.
DO YOU HAVE THE DETAILS FOR THEM, BASQUE?
YES, DR. TAMBURA. AS FOR THE CREATURE'S STRUCTURE...

...IT IS DEFINITELY ARTIFICIAL AND MECHANICAL IN COMPOSITION...
CORRECT, BASQUE. BUT IT ALSO EVINCES UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF ORGANIC LIFE.
INDEED, SHERNA, BUT ITS BEHAVIOR IS COMPLETELY ERRATIC, FOLLOWING NEITHER PROGRAMMED [redacted] SPONTANEOUS PATTERNS OF LOGIC, AND THUS ANALAGOUS TO NEITHER MACHINE NOR LIVING ORGANISM.
QUITE SO, CHARN.
IN SHORT, SHOGUNS, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR THIS MISSION. THE ONLY INTELLIGENT CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THE DATA IS, I'M AFRAID--
--A COMPLETELY USELESS SUGGESTION: LOCATE ITS POINT OF ORIGIN...
CHOOM
...AND INITIATE FURTHER INVESTIGATION THERE.
SANCTUARY REMOTE
GREAT. THAT IS USELESS...
...LEAVING ME RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED.
SPRZZZ

GOT TO SUSTAIN COMBATRA'S FIVE-WAY ATTACK, AND HOPE THE CENTRONS--
FWOOSH
CENTRON-TWO... DAMAGE REPORT ON SKYSKATER: NONE.
--CAN HOLD THE MONSTER AT BAY--
CENTRON-FIVE REPORTING GROUND-ROVER'S AIRBORNE ASSAULT: INEFFECTIVE.
--LONG ENOUGH TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE CITY--
CENTRON-FOUR WITH A WARNING-ISSUE--
SPRIZZZ
ENEMY'S TAIL IS ARMED. TURBOSTREAKER REMAINS INTACT. HOWEVER.
--AND TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE TRAPPED IN THE PARK!
OOOOO
CENTRON-THREE ACTIVATING EARTH-MOVER'S CATAPULTS...
KRUNCH
RESULT: NEGATIVE.
AT LEAST WE'RE HOLDING 'EM OFF, CENTRONS. BUT HOW LONG CAN WE KEEP IT UP?! WHEN ARE THE OTHER TWO GOING TO--?!

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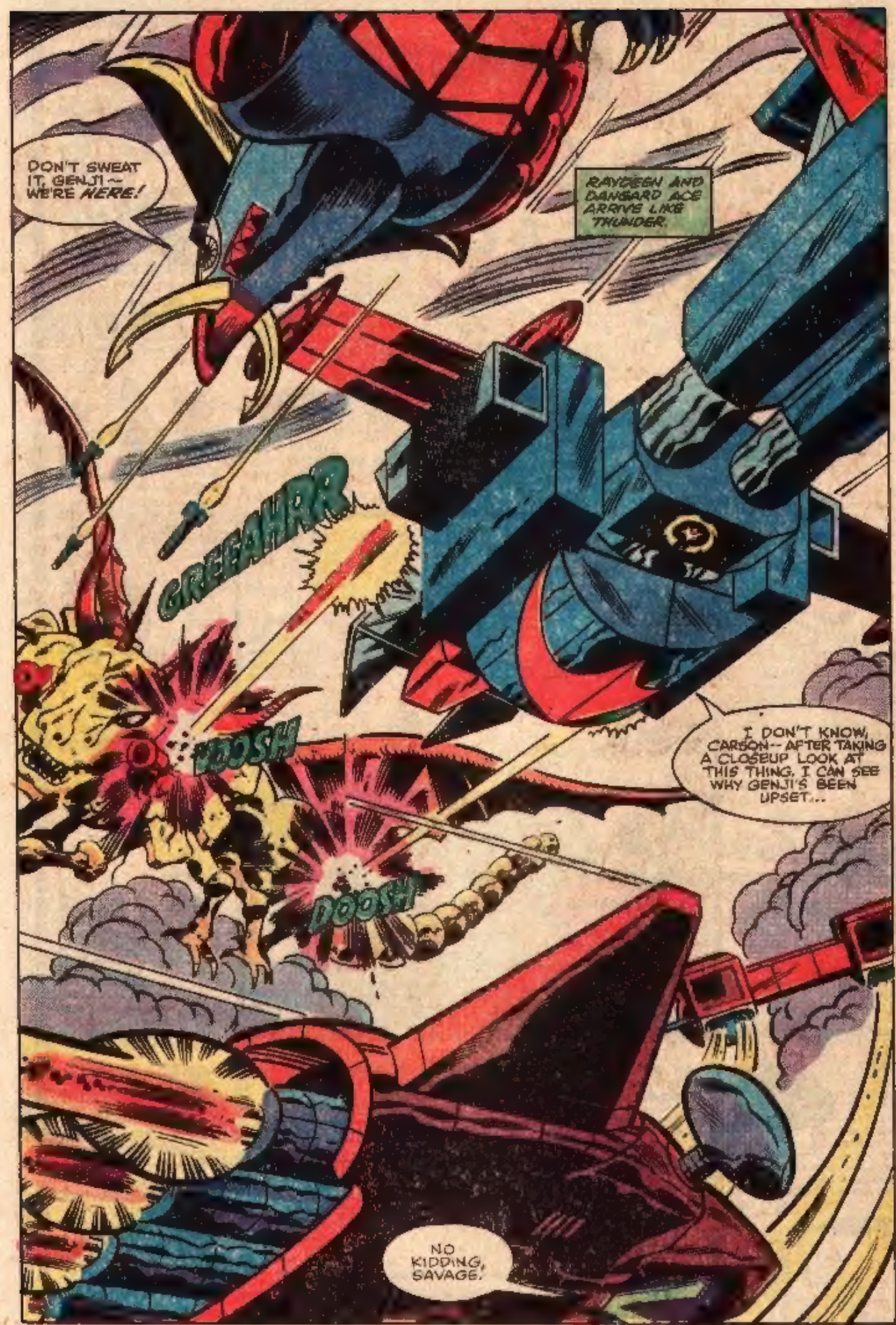
DON'T SWEAT IT, GENJI -- WE'RE HERE!
RAYDEEN AND DANGARD ACE ARRIVE LIKE THUNDER.
GREEAHRR
WOOSH
DOOSH
I DON'T KNOW, CARSON -- AFTER TAKING A CLOSEUP LOOK AT THIS THING, I CAN SEE WHY GENJI'S BEEN UPSET...
NO KIDDING, SAVAGE.

NO KIDDING, GENJI, AND I'M STARTING TO FEEL--
--A BIT DAMP UNDER THE COLLAR MYSELF.
AS WE SAID, SHOGUNS, YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN.
REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING...
"...DO NOT LET US DOWN."
LOOK OUT! HE'S RIPPING THE TOP OFF THAT BUILDING--
--FLYING OVER THE PARK-- TRYING TO DROP THE RUBBLE ON THOSE PEOPLE!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM-- DRIVE HIM AWAY FROM THE PARK!
I SAID IT BEFORE, GUYS, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: DON'T SWEAT IT.
I'VE GOT THE UGLY SUCKER LOCKED SMACK-DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF RAYDEEN'S SIGHTS...

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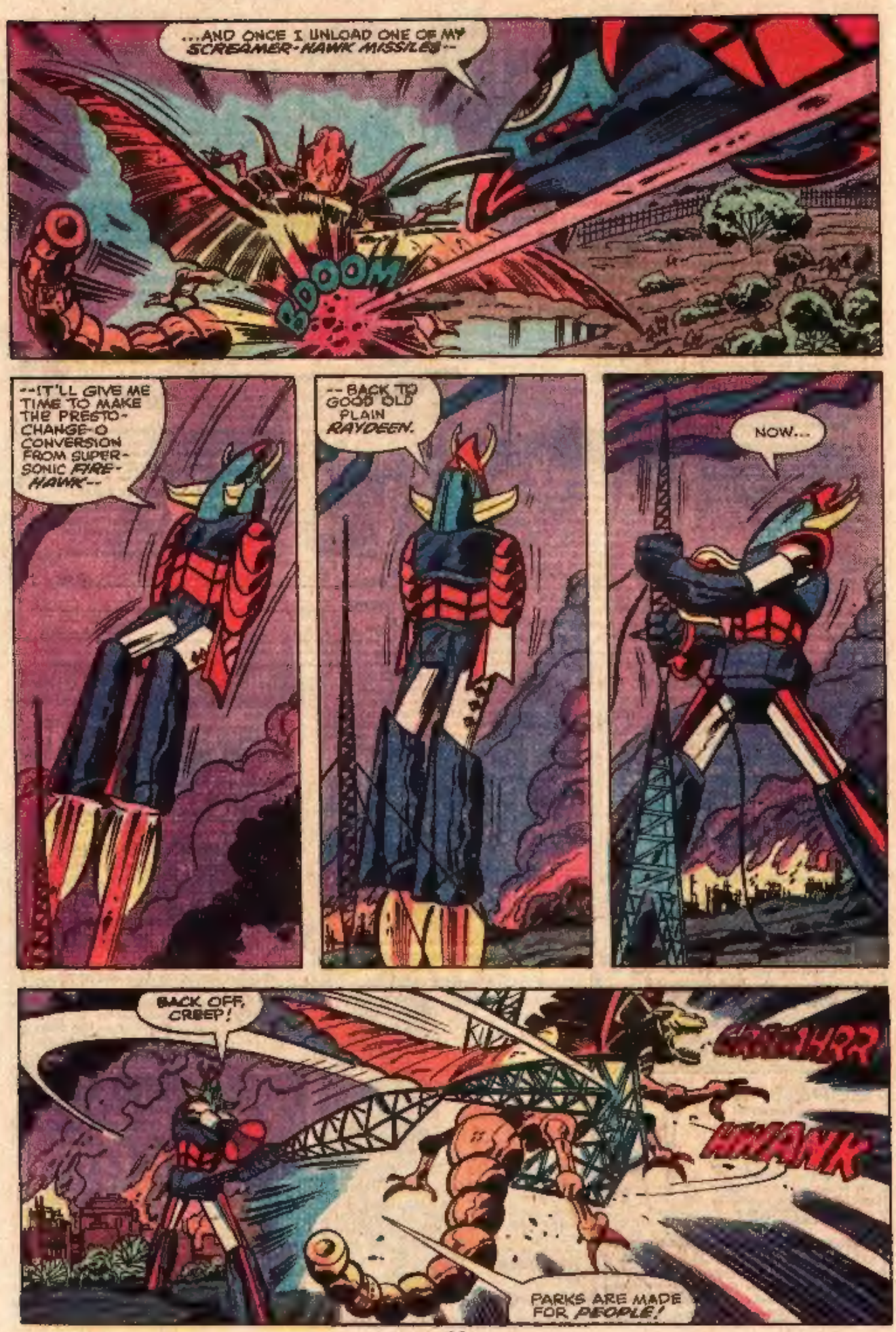
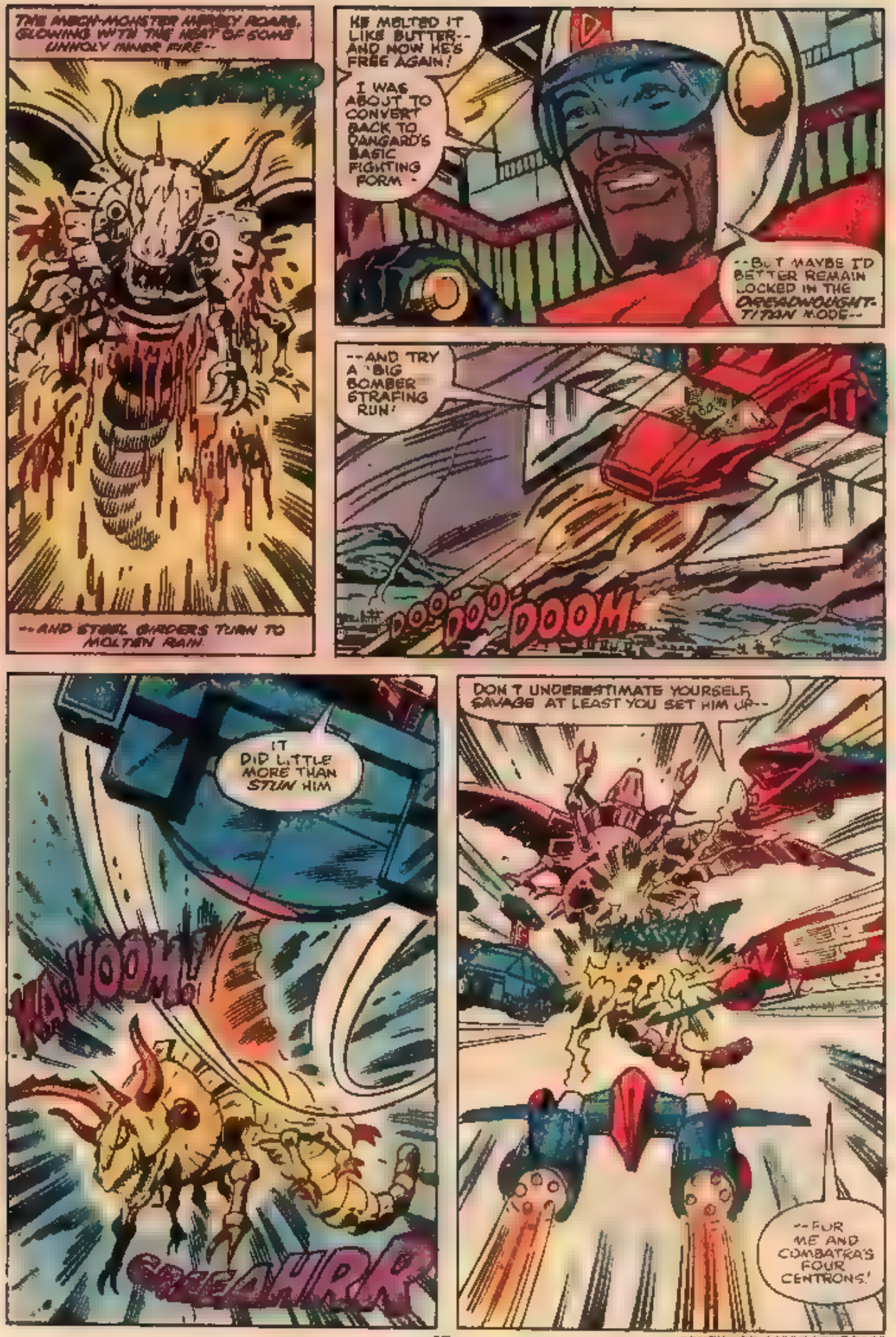

...AND ONCE I UNLOAD ONE OF MY SCREAMER-HAWK MISSILES--
BDOOM
--IT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO MAKE THE PRESTO-CHANGE-O CONVERSION FROM SUPER-SONIC FIRE-HAWK--
--BACK TO GOOD OLD PLAIN RAYDEEN.
NOW...
BACK OFF, CREEP!
GRRRRRR
HWAWK
PARKS ARE MADE FOR PEOPLE!


THE MECH-MONSTER MERCY ROARS, GLOWING WITH THE HEAT OF SOME UNHOLY INNER FIRE--
--AND STEEL GIRDERS TURN TO MOLTEN RAIN.
HE MELTED IT LIKE BUTTER-- AND NOW HE'S FREE AGAIN!
I WAS ABOUT TO CONVERT BACK TO DANGARD'S BASIC FIGHTING FORM--
--BUT MAYBE I'D BETTER REMAIN LOCKED IN THE DREADNOUGHT-TITAN MODE--
--AND TRY A BIG BOMBER STRAFING RUN!
DOOO DOO DOOM
IT DID LITTLE MORE THAN STUN HIM
KA-VOOM!
SKREEAHRR
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF, SAVAGE! AT LEAST YOU SET HIM UP--
--FOR ME AND COMBATRA'S FOUR CENTRONS!

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HE'S FLESHED! NOT HURT-- BUT AT LEAST HE'S LEAVING THE PARK-- LEAVING THE ENTIRE CITY!
YEAH AND SINCE IT WAS TEAMWORK THAT FINALLY TURNED THE TRICK--
--LET'S ALL GANG UP ON THE CHARGE!
GENJI DOES NOT REPLY.
NOR DOES SHE EVEN HEAR THE ABSOLUTELY HUGE CHEER RISING FROM A VERDANT QUADRANT IN THE HEART OF THE [illegible]
- A CHEER YELLED BY PEOPLE WHO WILL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY OF DARKNESS AND SALVATION
NO, GENJI CRADLE DOES NOT HEAR ANYTHING, SAVE HER OWN THOUGHTS..
THIS FIGHT COULD GO ON ENDLESSLY-- AND WHAT IF WE DRAIN OURSELVES OF POWER?
THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY BUT TAMBURA SAID THE ONLY OTHER WAY WAS--
--WAIT A MINUTE... MAYBE HIS SUGGESTION ISN'T USELESS- MAYBE IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE! AND THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT IS BY TRY No.11
FIRST GOT TO SUMMON THE CENTRONS-- CLOSE THE MASTER-LOCK AND INTEGRATE THE FIVE MODULES BACK INTO..
COMBATRON CALLING RAYDEEN AND DANGARD YOU TWO DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE SO I'M GOING TO FOLLOW TAMBURA'S SUGGESTION - TRY TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE MONSTER
GOOD LUCK TRYING TO STOP IT
GENJI WAIT! YOU CAN'T GO BY YOURSELF!
AND COMBATRON BOARDS TA-HARA, BEING THE MALFUNCTIONING GUARDIAN OF A PILOT NAMED GENJI.

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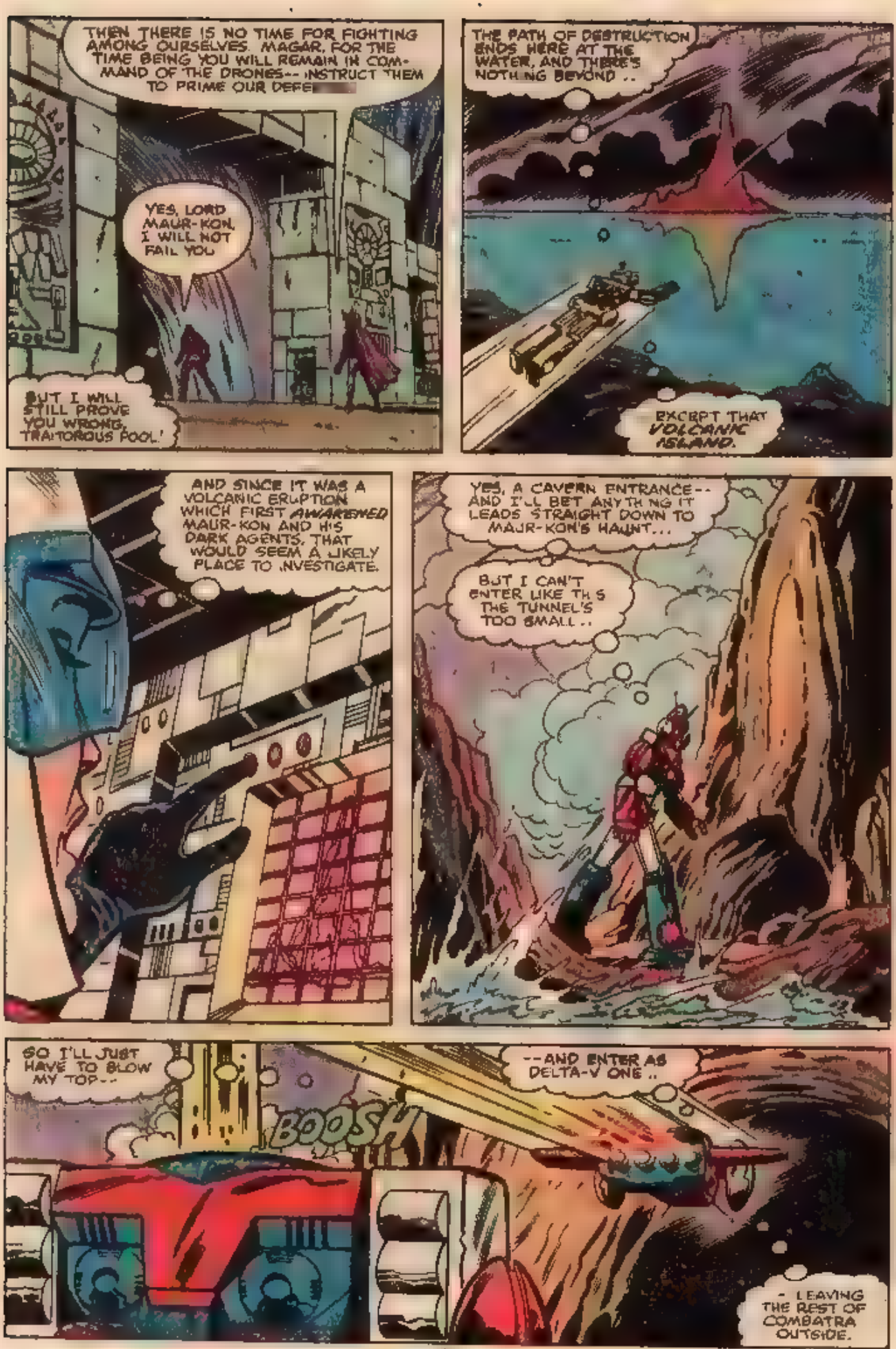
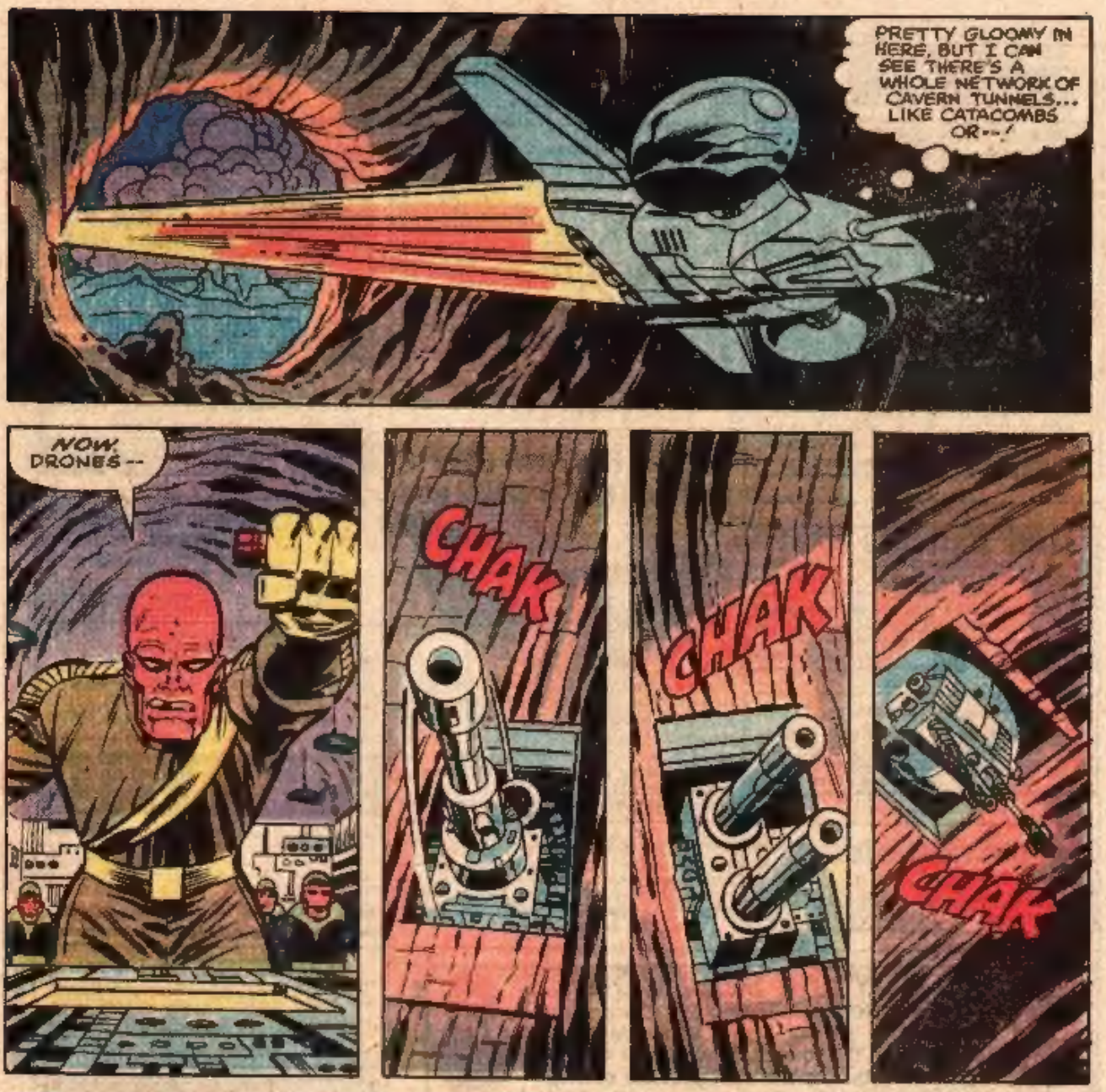
AT LEAST IT'S EASY TO FOLLOW THE THING'S TRAIL--IT LEFT A PATH OF DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE BEHIND IT...
"...AND IF IT LEADS ME BACK TO THE HAUNT OF MAUR-KON AND HIS FOLLOWERS OF DARKNESS, THEN I MAY BE ABLE TO STOP NOT ONLY THE MECH-MONSTER, BUT THE VERY ROOTS OF IT'S EVIL."
WHAT--?!
YOU D.D WHAT, LT MAGAR?!
I I WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROVE THAT THE ANCIENT RITES ARE THE BEST WAY, LORD MAUR-KON
I SHOULD SLAY YOU FOR THIS, MAGAR--RIGHT NOW! YOU HAVE RUINED MY MECH-MONSTER!
BUT IT'S EVEN MORE POWERFUL NOW, LORD MAUR-KON. TRUE, WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT, BUT IT HAS ATTACKED THE SHOGUN ROBOTS ANYWAY, AND MAY WELL DESTROY THEM. SO--!
LORD MAUR-KON! LOOK--!
ONE OF THE ROBOTS HAS DISENGAGED FROM THE BATTLE AND IS NOW APPROACHING THE COAST OF THE MAINLAND
--ON A DIRECT LINE WITH THE LOCATION OF THIS ISLAND!


THEN THERE IS NO TIME FOR FIGHTING AMONG OURSELVES. MAGAR, FOR THE TIME BEING YOU WILL REMAIN IN COMMAND OF THE DRONES-- INSTRUCT THEM TO PRIME OUR DEFE
YES, LORD MAUR-KON, I WILL NOT FAIL YOU
BUT I WILL STILL PROVE YOU WRONG, TRAITOROUS POOL!
THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION ENDS HERE AT THE WATER, AND THERE'S NOTHING BEYOND ..
EXCEPT THAT VOLCANIC ISLAND.
AND SINCE IT WAS A VOLCANIC ERUPTION WHICH FIRST AWAKENED MAUR-KON AND HIS DARK AGENTS, THAT WOULD SEEM A LIKELY PLACE TO INVESTIGATE.
YES, A CAVERN ENTRANCE-- AND I'LL BET ANYTHING IT LEADS STRAIGHT DOWN TO MAUR-KON'S HAUNT...
BUT I CAN'T ENTER LIKE THIS THE TUNNEL'S TOO SMALL ..
SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO BLOW MY TOP--
BOOSH
--AND ENTER AS DELTA-V ONE ..
- LEAVING THE REST OF COMBATRA OUTSIDE.



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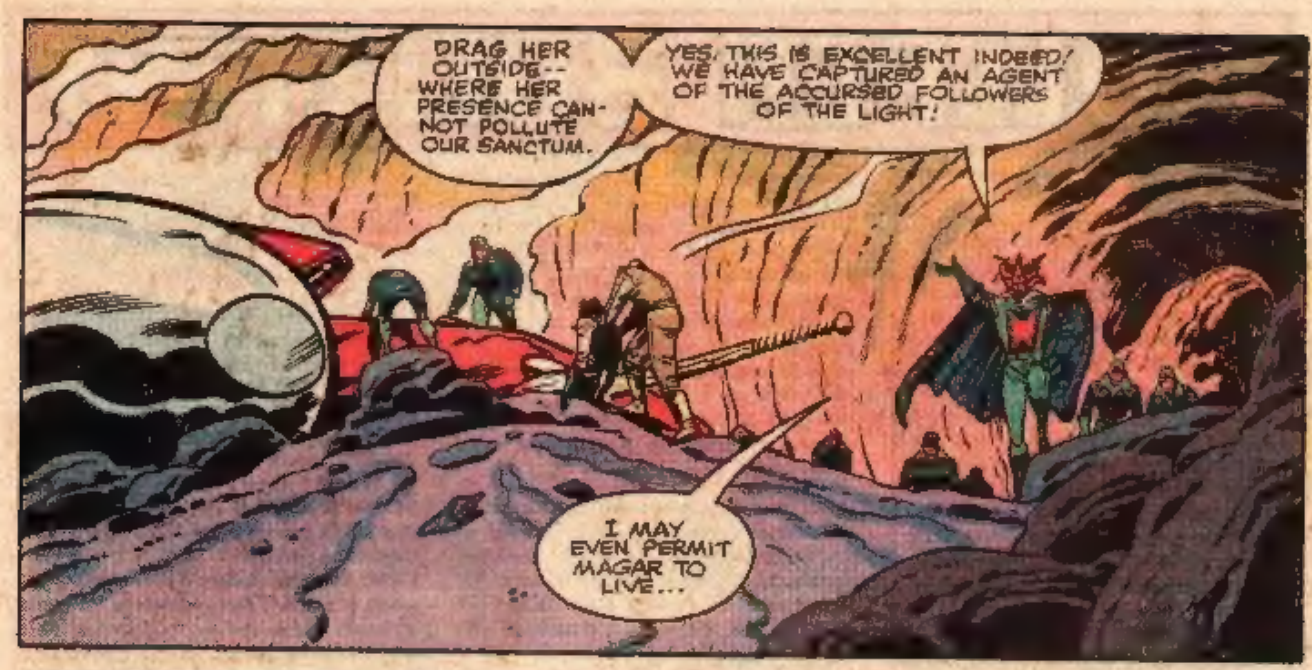
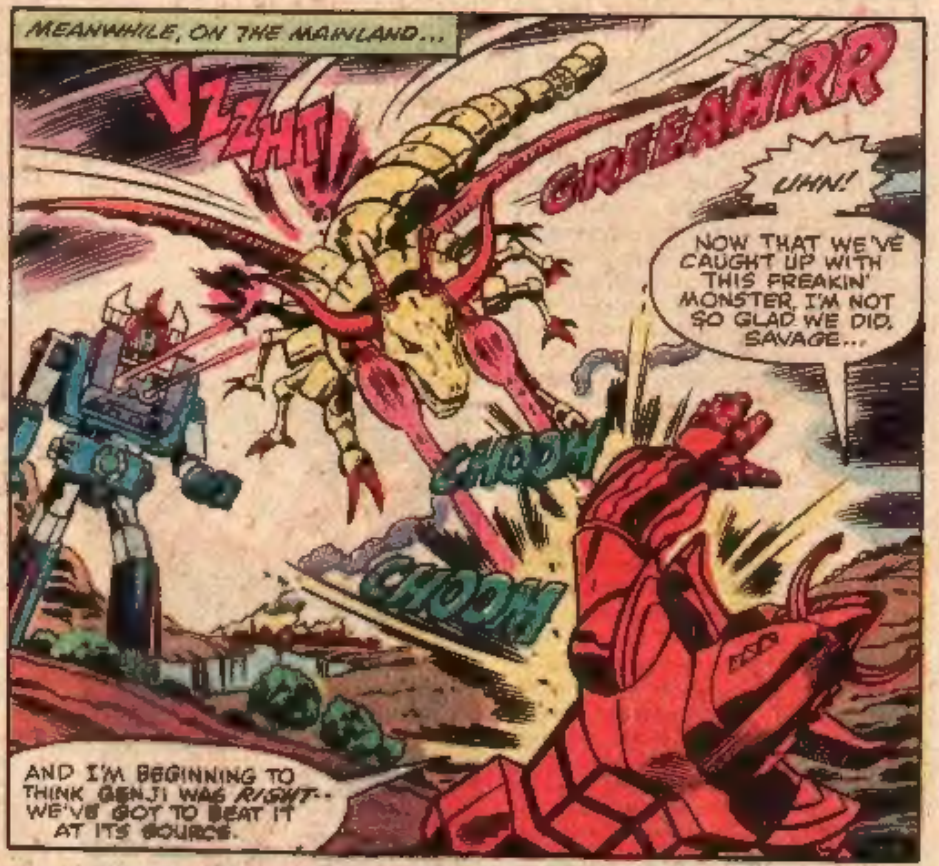
GOT TO REGAIN CONTROL-- FIGHT BACK!
BUT THE DESPERATE EFFORT IS FOREDOOMED TO FAILURE.
INDEED, WHETHER GENJI ODASHI KNOWS IT OR NOT--
-- THE DELTA-V HAS ALREADY SUCCUMBED TO MAGGAR'S SNEAK ATTACK.
BOUNCING OFF THE FLOOR-- HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE TUNNEL WALL--!
SMAK!
GOT TO HIT THE REVERSE THRUSTERS--
-- LESSEN THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH BEFORE--!
CHEK
SKOOM
THE DELTA'S WINDSCREEN POPS FREE --
-- AND GENJI SPILLS FROM THE COCKPIT LIKE A RAG DOLL. SHE DOES NOT MOVE.
LORD MAUR-KON SMIRKS.
EXCELLENT.


DRAG HER OUTSIDE-- WHERE HER PRESENCE CANNOT POLLUTE OUR SANCTUM.
YES, THIS IS EXCELLENT INDEED! WE HAVE CAPTURED AN AGENT OF THE ACCURSED FOLLOWERS OF THE LIGHT!
I MAY EVEN PERMIT MAGAR TO LIVE...

...NOW THAT HE HAS RENDERED THIS FEMALE AGENT HELPLESS...


MEANWHILE, ON THE MAINLAND...
VZZHT!
GRRREAHRRR
UHN!
NOW THAT WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THIS FREAKIN' MONSTER, I'M NOT SO GLAD WE DID, SAVAGE...
CHOOM
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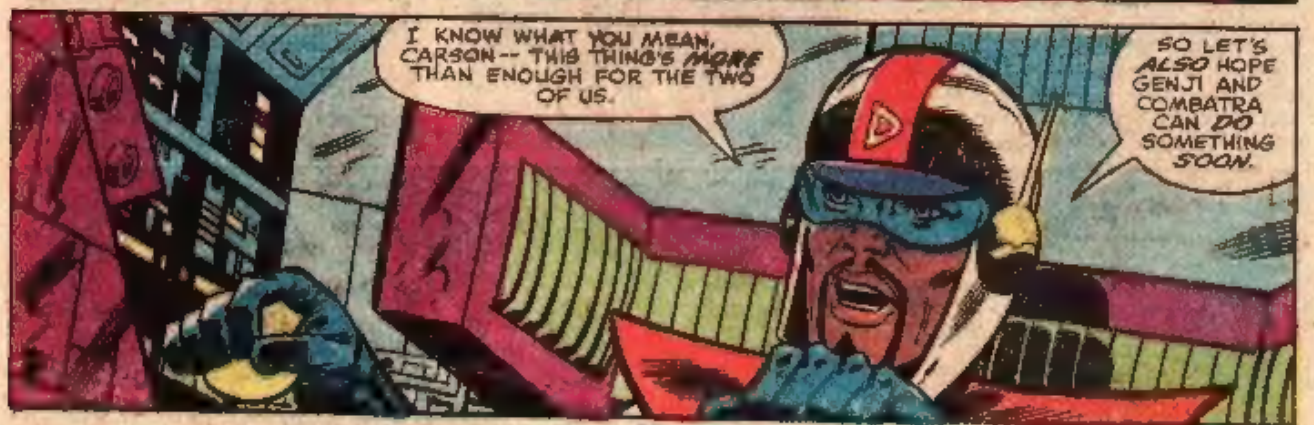
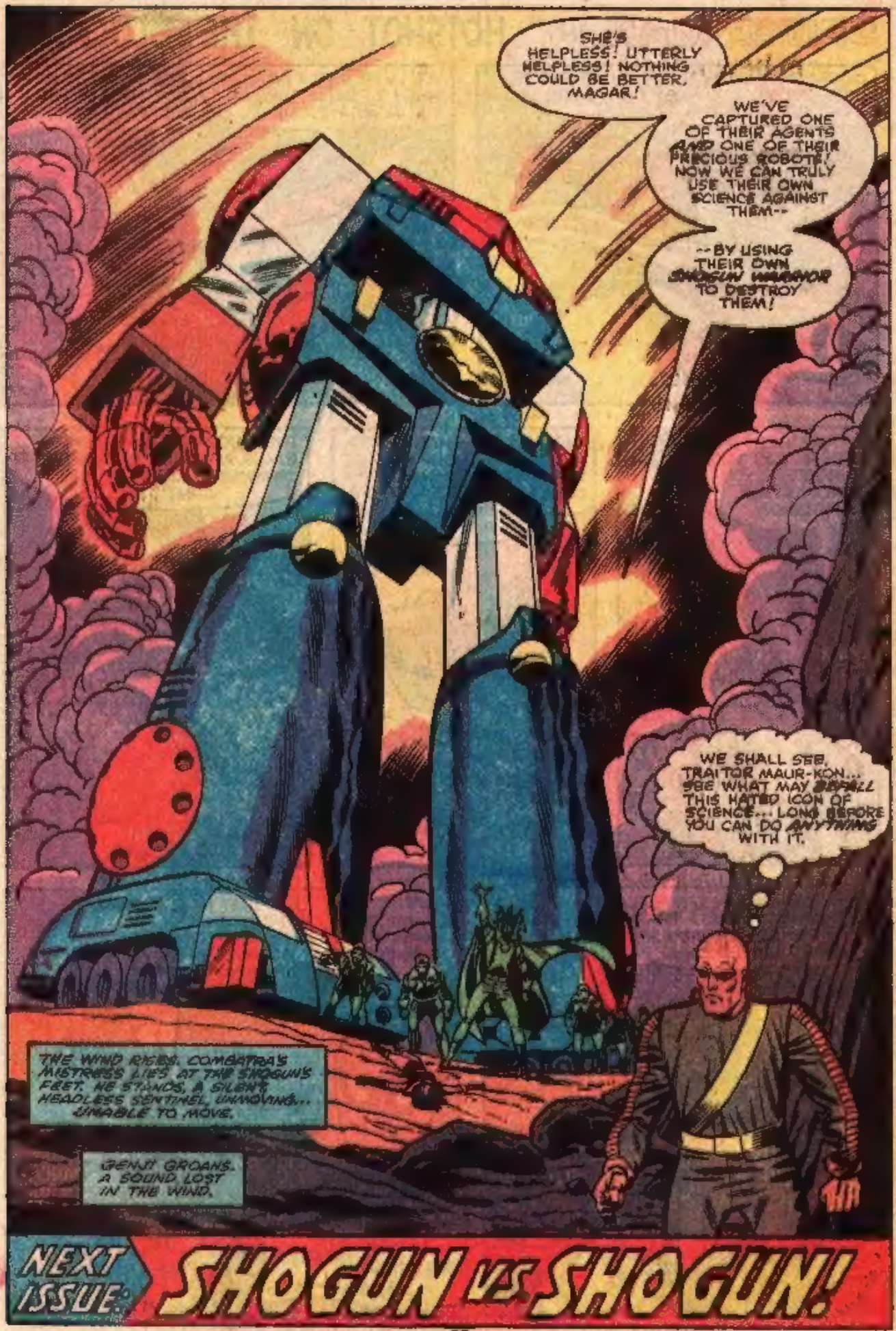
AND I'M BEGINNING TO THINK GENJI WAS RIGHT-- WE'VE GOT TO BEAT IT AT ITS SOURCE.


I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, CARSON-- THIS THING'S MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE TWO OF US.
SO LET'S ALSO HOPE GENJI AND COMBATRA CAN DO SOMETHING SOON.


SHE'S HELPLESS! UTTERLY HELPLESS! NOTHING COULD BE BETTER, MAGAR!
WE'VE CAPTURED ONE OF THEIR AGENTS AND ONE OF THEIR PRECIOUS ROBOTS! NOW WE CAN TRULY USE THEIR OWN SCIENCE AGAINST THEM--
--BY USING THEIR OWN SHOGUN WARRIOR TO DESTROY THEM!
WE SHALL SEE, TRAITOR MAUR-KON... SEE WHAT MAY BEFALL THIS HATED ICON OF SCIENCE... LONG BEFORE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING WITH IT.
THE WIND RISES. COMBATRA'S MISTRESS LIES AT THE SHOGUN'S FEET. HE STANDS, A SILENT, HEADLESS SENTINEL, UNKNOWING... UNABLE TO MOVE.
GENJI GROANS. A SOUND LOST IN THE WIND.
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